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or visit these Web sites:

- www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/savannah/srs_subcommittee.htm
- www.cdc.gov/atsdr/index.html
- www.cdc.gov/niosh/2001-133.html



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Your Voice to Address
Savannah River Site
Health Concerns



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History of the Site

The Savannah River Site (SRS) is located in South Carolina along the Savannah River in parts of Aiken, Barnwell, and Allendale counties. It was built in 1951 to produce basic materials used to make nuclear weapons. Radioactive materials were created and hazardous chemicals were used by the nuclear reactors at SRS. The reactors were shut down in 1992, but some facilities are still used to process and support waste management, as well as environmental clean-up of the site.



Health Effects Studies

Over the years, SRS released radioactive and other hazardous materials into the environment. Workers at the facility and the public

in the area may have been exposed to these materials in the air, soil, and water. It is important to determine if any adverse health effects have occurred as a result of exposure to environmental contamination.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) are researching how the radioactive materials and hazardous chemicals used at SRS may have affected the health of workers and the public.

Your Voice to Address Savannah River Site Health Concerns

Concern for the potential adverse health effects from exposure to environmental contamination in the area led to the establishment of the **Savannah River Site Health Effects Subcommittee (SRSHERS)**. The SRSHERS is an independent group of citizens selected to reflect the diversity of the communities potentially affected by SRS. The subcommittee is governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

What Does the Subcommittee Do?

The SRSHERS was created to identify the needs of exposed and potentially exposed persons and to help

answer their health-related questions. The subcommittee advises CDC and ATSDR on the communities' priorities for health research for the Savannah River Site. The subcommittee also provides a forum for community members to seek and provide information, as well as share their concerns with those involved in health research at the site.

In addition, advice from the SRSHERS is taken into account in the development of CDC's Research Agenda.



How Can You Get Involved?

Public involvement is critical to the success of the SRSHERS. We encourage you to attend the semi-annual subcommittee meetings. All subcommittee meetings are held in the local area near the Savannah River Site and are announced in the Federal Register and through CDC's Savannah River Site mailing lists. To be added to the mailing list or to find more information about the health effects research at SRS, call the Radiation Studies Branch at CDC, (404) 498-1800.